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Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Indianapolis, IN. – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Executive Director Neil Moore today announced that ICJI will participate in a statewide effort to raise awareness among Hoosiers about crime victims' rights and supportive services.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), with the theme "Justice for Victims. Justice for All." will be observed across the nation and throughout Indiana during the week of April 13–19, 2008.

“This week is a time for Indiana to celebrate its successes, evaluate its progress, and prepare for the next set of challenges. This level of commitment will ensure that all crime victims and survivors receive the support and services to which they are entitled,” said ICJI Executive Director, Moore.

In 2007, ICJI received \$7,655,000 in federal funding from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). With this award, the Victims Services division of ICJI has allocated funding to more than 200 agencies throughout the state including non-profit, governmental, law enforcement and prosecutor's offices. OVC funds were distributed to a minimum of 70 counties and allowed sub-grantees to provide services to over 1,063,129 victims in the state of Indiana.

With the growing diversity of Indiana's population, the Victim Services division will encourage sub-grantees to expand their scope of services and continue to seek new programs and support initiatives that meet the needs of all crime victims.

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A list of National Crime Victims' Rights Week events is attached. ICJI encourages all Hoosiers to support and/or participate in events that honor crime victims, survivors, and the service providers who come to their aid.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is the state administrating agency for funding awarded through the Office for Victims of Crime. The Victim Services division implements and manages programs that serve to improve the safety and security of victims of violent crimes. The Division works closely with Indiana Coalitions and with governmental agencies to support services and programs that provide counseling services, shelters, education and training for key personnel in prosecutor offices and law enforcement agencies. Agencies and programs participate in a competitive bid process to apply for funding each year with the Division. Grants are awarded on yearly bases.

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